

Judge Patrick Oishi

Judge Patrick Oishi was appointed to the King County Superior Court bench on May 23, 2011, by Governor Chris Gregoire. He assumed the judicial position in Department 24 previously held by the Honorable Michael Fox, who retired from the bench in early 2011.

Judge Oishi began his legal career with the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, where he tried numerous felony jury trials involving homicides, assaults, robberies, burglaries, gang-related and firearm offenses, kidnappings, and sex and domestic violence crimes. Later, Judge Oishi practiced complex civil litigation in Seattle and worked on cases involving such areas as torts, attorney malpractice, construction, school law, and real estate. Prior to his appointment to the King County Superior Court, Judge Oishi served in Pierce County Superior Court as the first Superior Court Criminal Commissioner in the state whose duties were focused on presiding over adult felony criminal cases.

Judge Oishi earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education as well as his law degree from Seattle University. From 1990-1993, Judge Oishi was a junior high school teacher in the Federal Way School District where he taught language arts and reading, and also coached football, basketball, softball, and track.

Judge Oishi currently serves as a board member of the Asian Bar Association of Washington, the Japanese American Citizens League, and the Seattle University Law Alumni Board. He enjoys volunteering his time at moot court and mock trial competitions, as well as speaking at various legal conferences, forums, and trainings.